

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL



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FOREWORD

It seems but yesterday that Johnnie Smith of Infants 1 made his initial contribution to our first magazine - an interesting and original story of two and a half lines beginning "Once upon a time". But further research reveals that one year later he submitted "My Hobby" by John E. Smith (1st Year Junior) and in the present issue it is predicted that we shall find a mature article by the same John Edward Smith (2nd Year Junior) entitled "My Ambition" with "Once upon a time" written by his little sister, Jane.

Soon, surely, they must be due for return to U.K., but we trust that this will not deter them from future authorship. In the years to come we shall eagerly await John's protestations to the Editor of "The Times" concerning congestion in the Channel Tunnel and more optimistically perhaps, the publication of Jane's "Collection of Early Twenty-first Century Verse".

But not only the Johns and Janes of the school leave in due season; we trust not sadder but rather wiser for their sojourn. Teaching staff departures have been honoured in departmental notes and as we read each name our thoughts dwell for a minute on the distinctive and valued contribution made by each leaver.

To this list must be added the names of two other colleagues who have given such meritorious service. Though Mr. Publio Bonello, the School Caretaker for the past nine years, retired in February last, we still miss his cheerful greeting at the start of the school day and his farewell wave at its close. Also after flying proudly in the School Office for the last two years, the Stars and Stripes pennant was furled in early May when we said farewell to Mrs. Betty Murley, the School Secretary. Though this banner bore no 'strange device' it rightly merited the motto 'Ubique' to acknowledge Mrs. Murley's outstanding zeal and versatility in such a key role.

Finally a welcome to my successor, Instructor Commander Newbery. What can I wish better for him than that his stay proves as happy as mine has been, stemming from such grand support of colleagues, parents - and Johns and Janes?

K. G. SUMNALL,
Headmaster.

